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EDITORIAL

You will be aware from the myriad of photos in the last issue of Scan that the 50th year was celebrated in style. It was great meeting people who have been involved over the years and learning about the initiation of the Community Newsletter.

it has come to our attention that a few volunteers who were on the guest list did not receive an invitation to the event. **Sincere apologies for this.** We are always very appreciative of all those who make SCAN possible by helping us out.

In this month's issue it is apparent that there is no reason for residents of Shankill to be bored. There is a wide variety of activities in which to take part, many of which you can read about – to name but a few - the Library book clubs, bowling, football, GAA, Irish conversation, the monthly book sale, the Classical music club, Rathmichael historical society. Unfortunately, the meeting dates of the Classical Music Club and the Historical Society club clash – the first Wednesday of each month. We are sure there are many more we do not hear from so why not write and let us know if you are aware of other local clubs not mentioned here.

You may prefer to give your time to volunteering in which case the First Responders are actively looking for volunteers as well as Tidy Towns.

CHRISTMAS DAY SWIM 2023

Just to mention that an event was held in Scoil Mhuire in late February to acknowledge the hard work of Brian Mason and the entire school community in raising €4,620 for Shankill Daycare Centre and St. Joseph's Shankill. Bradys of Shankill also played a part in the organising of the Christmas Day swim that raised the €4,620.

Two cheques for €2,310 were presented to both charities at Scoil Mhuire. A big thank you to everyone involved, especially Brian Mason, Brian Coleman, the principal of Scoil Mhuire, and John Brady from Brady's of Shankill. An Cathaoirleach dlr Councillor Denis O'Callaghan was in attendance as well as Councillors Carrie Smyth and Jim Gildea, Cormac Devlin TD and parish priest Father Michael O'Sullivan. Other invited guests from both charities and school children from Scoil Mhuire were also there.

LISTENING EAR - SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PEOPLE

The Network is open to persons of any faith and none. Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7.30 - 9p.m. in the Resource Centre.

You are welcome to contact **087 3646067** or email ***listeningear14@gmail.com*** and a supportive compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how we can be of help to you.

Complete confidentiality is guaranteed and everyone will be warm and friendly.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St. Anne's Resource Centre Shankill

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence.

We have a drop-in service on the first Friday of each month at 10.30 am or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call the **01 2822704** to arrange.

AA MEETINGS SHANKILL

Alcoholics Anonymous hosts meetings in Crinken Church Parish Hall every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and in St. Anne's Community Centre (beside St. Anne's Church) every Sunday at 8.30 pm. Doors open around 8.15 pm.

A welcome awaits you.

FIRST SATURDAY BOOK SALE

The April First Saturday Book Sale, which supports the Shankill Old Folks Association, will take place in the Shankill Day Centre, Lower Road, Shankill, from 10am to 1pm on Saturday April 6th and all are welcome to attend. This will be an excellent opportunity to obtain some first class reading for after Easter. Donations of books are appreciated but must be in a clean and good condition, are limited to two bags per donor, and will be gratefully accepted only on the day of the book sale. The May First Saturday Book Sale will take place on Saturday May 4th.

SHANKILL CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

The next meetings of the Shankill Classical Music Club will be on Wed 3rd April and Wednesday the 1st May. Usual time and place: 7:45 in Shankill Day Centre, Lower Road, Shankill.

For further info please ring or text John O'Hagan: **087 2109175**.

WHAT IS AN ADVANCE HEALTHCARE DIRECTIVE?

You can make a written statement about the type of medical or surgical treatment you want or do not want, if in the future, you are unable to make these decisions. This is called an Advance Healthcare Directive (AHD). An AHD is only used if you lose capacity and you can no longer communicate your wishes yourself. It lets your family, carers and healthcare professionals know your wishes about your medical and surgical treatment if you are unable to make or communicate those decisions yourself.

For example, you may not want to be resuscitated if your heart stops beating, or you may not want to be kept alive with the use of a ventilator. It is sometimes known as a living will, advance statement, advance decision or advance refusal. An Advance Healthcare Directive tells healthcare professionals how to care for you according to your specific wishes, when you can't accurately tell them yourself. Advance Healthcare Directives also give clarity to your family about the care you wish for. You do not have to make an Advance Healthcare Directive if you don't want to.

Changes to Advance Healthcare Directives in 2023
The Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 sets out a system of supports for adults who have difficulties with decision-making capacity. Advance Healthcare Directives were already recognised in Ireland but the Act establishes a legal framework for them since 26 April 2023. As part of the Act, the Decision Support Service has been set up to support the introduction of these changes.

Role of the Designated Healthcare Representative
You can appoint someone you know and trust to act on your behalf if you lose the ability to make certain decisions. This person will be your Designated Healthcare Representative.

Based on the information in your Advance Healthcare Directive, they have the power to: Advise on and interpret your wishes, as set out in your AHD, to the healthcare professionals treating you; Agree to, or refuse treatment on your behalf. They can only do this if you do not have the ability to make healthcare treatment decisions.

Who can be Designated Healthcare Representative?
You must choose a person that is willing to act on your behalf. They must be aged 18 or over. The person cannot do the role if they:

- Have been convicted of an offence against you or your child
- Own, work in or are a registered provider of a designated centre or mental health facility where you live (unless they are your relative)
- Provide paid personal care or healthcare services to you (unless they are your relative or their primary carer)

What does a Designated Healthcare Representative do?
Your Designated Healthcare Representative must make a record of any decision made that relates to your Advance Healthcare Directive if you lose the capacity (ability) to make certain healthcare and treatment decisions. They have to do no later than SEVEN days after the decision is made. Your Designated Healthcare Representative must provide a copy of this record to you if you later regain capacity. The Decision Support Service can also request a copy of this record. The Decision Support Service can send someone to talk to you or your Designated Healthcare Representative. For example, it can send out a general or special visitor if it receives a complaint about your Designated Healthcare Representative, or wants to check that the agreement is working the way that it should.

Are Advance Healthcare Directives legally binding?
If you are refusing certain medical and surgical treatments, this can be legally binding if you lose capacity and the treatment proposed is the same as that set out in your AHD. You may want to refuse a treatment in some situations, but not others. If this is the case, you need to be clear about all the circumstances in which you do not want this treatment. The AHD may also not apply if you, after making the AHD and when you have capacity, do something contrary to the AHD, such as consenting to a form of treatment which you state in your AHD that you do not want.

If you want your AHD to apply to life-sustaining treatment, this must be clearly stated and in the AHD. If you are requesting a future treatment you would like to receive in your Advance Healthcare Directive, it will not be legally binding on those treating you. However, the treatment you would like must be taken into consideration by the medical team treating you if the treatment is relevant to your medical condition.

When your Advance Healthcare Directive may not be followed
If your AHD does not apply to the exact circumstances you face, it may not be applied. For example, you may refuse amputation in certain circumstances. However, if you need an amputation in other circumstances not dealt with in your AHD, then the AHD may not apply. If your AHD includes doing something which is illegal, it cannot be carried out. For example, if you write that you want to be given medication which will lead to your death. Deciding to refuse a treatment is not the same as asking someone to end your life or help you end your life.

How to make an Advance Healthcare Directive - Advance Healthcare Directives are free to make, change and cancel. You can make one if you are aged 18 or over. You can make it at any time in your adult life and not just if you have received a diagnosis which may later affect your capacity. When you make an Advance Healthcare Directive it must:

- Be made in writing
- Signed in the presence of 2 witnesses
- Signed by your Designated Healthcare Representative (if you have one)

You can make an Advance Healthcare Directive yourself or use the template form on the Irish Hospice Foundation website. The Decision Support Service will also have a template Advance Healthcare Directive form available soon. It is recommended that you let the people closest to you know about your AHD and give a copy of it to your GP and any other healthcare professional who may be treating you. All healthcare professionals must check if you have an AHD if you lack the capacity to make a treatment decision.

How to change or end your Advance Healthcare Directive You can cancel or end your Advance Healthcare Directive at any time, for free if you have the capacity to do so. If you are ending your Advance Healthcare Directive, you have to do this in writing.

If you are changing your Advance Healthcare Directive, you have to:

- Do this in writing
- Sign it on front of 2 witnesses
- Get it signed by your Designated Healthcare Representative if you have one

You should review and, if necessary, update your AHD regularly so that it reflects your wishes, especially after any major medical treatment or diagnosis to make sure it reflects your medical history.

Organisation that can help you
'Think Ahead' is part of an initiative by the Irish Hospice Foundation. 'Think Ahead' aims to help people think about, discuss and record what their preferences are in the event of emergency, serious illness or death. You can download or order a 'Think Ahead Planning Pack' on the Irish Hospice Foundation's website which includes a template Advance Healthcare Directive.

The Decision Support Service (DSS) promote the rights and interests of people who may need support with decision-making. The DSS can review and investigate complaints about an appointed Designated Healthcare Representative. You can read the DSS information on Advance Healthcare Directives on their website.

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Shankill 2017 Group Unleashed
Having graduated from our Academy earlier this year, these young Shankill kids were unleashed on an unsuspecting GAA public. Playing their first match in Bray recently it was by all accounts a "rip roaring affair" with brilliant football skills on show. However more important was the fun and joy of being out in the fresh air enjoying playing our national games. C'mon the Village. REMINDER, New players are always welcome. There is a place for you in Shankill GAA family from under 4 years right up to adult as a player, coach or supporter. **www.shankillgaa.ie**

Mothers & Others Group
Since this group was formed last year, it has gone from strength to strength. So now they were able to take on FoxCab in their first ever match which was played in Stonebridge Road. Our ladies acquitted themselves very well with some brilliant performances. Any missing football skills by our ladies were soon overcome with true grit and determination. At the end of the game everyone enjoyed a great day out making new friends, having fun and lots of exercise. Who won the match? Well, no one seems to know and we are not bothered as it was another brilliant day for the club.

Academy
The Academy is on at 10.00am on Saturday mornings in Stonebridge Road. Boys and girls are very welcome from 4 years of age. Qualified Coaches are in attendance and all equipment is provided. The first several weeks are free as children enjoy themselves and make new friends. Why not give the Academy a try any Saturday morning.

Tree Planting Week
Members of our club were out helping DLR parks department in planting a massive amount of trees in Shanganagh Cliffs. We were delighted to help in some small way to improve the environment.

Table Quiz
The table quiz for the Men's section was a great success. Brady's pub was packed to the rafters for the event. The questions were real teasers but fair. A great night and plenty of fun. Many thanks to everyone who turned up, also to the village businesses and club members for donating spot prizes and to Kevin, Rocky and the team for organising the quiz.

2013 Girls Just Having Fun
In preparation for the coming season Coach Joanne Boothman took the girls through a training session in Cherrywood Educate Together School. The girls are just mad to get going for the coming season. Plenty of room for new players who are always welcome.

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SHANKILL FC
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Big thanks to DLR Waves for a great night's training session with our U13, U11 & U10 teams. The girls got to meet former Shankill FC player Eve O Brien and received some words of encouragement from manager Laura. We're looking forward to cheering on the Waves this season.

Our own Girls Academy is always open for any girl aged 7-11, to attend and to learn football in a fun and relaxed environment every Saturday at 11am on the astro in Shanganagh Park.

Our U14 team were involved in a cracking game in Beckett Park as they won their League Cup game against Firhouse Carmel. After being 2 nil down, the lads dug deep and battled hard to comeback and win 4-3. Well done lads

RIP Armer

It is our sad duty to tell you of the passing of another Shankill FC club legend Stephen 'Armer' Armstrong. Armer was a long-time coach for the club and many of the younger coaches regularly went to him for advice. The most common phrase you hear said about him is ***"Armer was a true gent"***.

A tribute from his fellow coaches:

It was halfway through 2016 season, and we had two teams for 11 aside but no manager for the second team. Terry & John trained both teams, they were there for the home games but couldn't make the away games. So up stepped Armer to take them and it went from there. Armer then linked up with the U14 Shankill FC team in 2018 and immediately made an impact with the team finishing 2nd in the league and then going on to win the DDSL League Cup.

In the following seasons, the team rose up the ranks and, with Armer to the fore, we progressed through to the U18 major level. Throughout all of this Armer's optimistic spirit, positivity, and constant encouragement built a wonderful team spirit and dedication. The training twice a week and the match on a Sunday was a huge part of Armer's life and the lads showed up week after week and enjoyed Armer's training sessions, laughter and the quiet word he had for all of them.

Under Armer's watchful eye, the lads on the team gave their best at every match and enjoyed watching Armer celebrate from the sidelines. The lads genuinely loved Armer, and every one of them felt the pride he had in them.

The memories created with Armer are something we will all cherish and hold dear. Everyone will miss him terribly.

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Shankill Bowling Club

by Jack Byrne P.R.O.

Mid-March to mid-April is always a busy time in our bowling club, a time we have come to name as " list time" so called for the many empty notices on our club notice board which await the first names of the hopeful members who will eventually make up our teams. They will be amongst those representing Shankill bowling club on rinks in the various leagues which go to make-up bowling at all grades throughout the greater Dublin area and beyond.

Shankill bowling club will need to register, at the very least, eighty members in order to field five teams each week, playing on Saturdays and Wednesdays and also on Monday evenings (6 pm start). All this takes place in late Spring and during Summer holidays, not to mention when health and other appointments take place. But it all adds to the enjoyment of a bowling club's year.

This year, as always, Shankill Bowling club will hold an open weekend for both men and women who wish to remain active. What better way, we say, than joining in the fun that is bowling. It is a game which helps to satisfy all ages, a game of skill, easily learned while keeping fit. Scheduled for Saturday and Sunday 11th &12th of May from 10.30 am until 4pm each day, our open weekend takes place at our bowling facilities on Quinn's Road. Whether one's preference is to try short mat indoor bowling or outdoor rinks bowling, you are welcome to come along and spend a couple of hours of bowling enjoyment with us. (Equipment is supplied but please bring flat sole footwear). You can enjoy a nice cuppa and chat while you're watching or should you prefer, take an active part, Go on, give it a try!

Finally, many congratulations to SCAN on its 50th anniversary. The SCAN team who are no strangers to Shankill bowling club honoured us by hosting their celebration evening at our function hall at Quinn's Road. The evening was a great success and amongst the many guests in attendance were our very own current President, Michael Dixon, Vice President, Martina Doherty, and Colin Shepherd, club Captain.

All agreed that SCAN does a fantastic job of work in the production of their monthly issues. Here's to another fifty years!

Jack Byrne P.R.O.
Shankill BC

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Two teams from Shankill (U16 and U13), represented us in the Dublin round of Chess for the 1st time ever on Friday evening. We had a very enjoyable evening, a number of our participants played up out of their age group, and they took it in their stride and played with confidence and to the best of their ability.

It is commendable how all of the children interact with each other with respect, kindness and fairness. It is truly wonderful to witness. The U16 team came away with a silver medal and there were a lot of teams in the U13 age group but it wasn't Shankill's time to shine this year.

So well done to: Alexander, Mellissa, Sophie, Marius, Kate, William, Charlie, Elijah, Matthew and Faina.

NEXT EVENT for us is our Launch 2024 evening on Friday evening April 19th in St. Anne's National School Hall @ 7.00p.m. We will commemorate our 2023 participants who made it to the National Finals last year and we will welcome new participants for this year. So, all are welcome. We will have a Cuppa and a Chat.

Athletics will take place in Shankill GAA Pitches on MONDAY 29th APRIL @ 6.00 p.m (Watch out for the banners).

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A MONTH OF FUN AND GAMES AT SHANKILL DAY CARE CENTRE

Shankill Day Care Centre kicked off the month with a burst of energy and excitement, hosting a memorable mini-Olympics for the seniors. Participants showcased their athleticism and camaraderie as they engaged in a multi-sport event tailored to their abilities. Laughter echoed through the centre as seniors embraced the spirit of friendly competition, proving that age is no barrier to enjoying the thrill of sports. Adding a creative and therapeutic touch to the month, the seniors eagerly participated in dance therapy sessions led by the talented Fran Burns.

The rhythmic movements not only brought joy but also contributed to the overall well-being of the participants. Dance therapy provided a unique opportunity for self-expression, fostering a sense of community and positivity among the seniors. The mini-Olympics and dance therapy sessions not only provided a platform for physical activity and mental stimulation but also highlighted the importance of fostering a sense of belonging and connection among the seniors. The activities were carefully curated to cater to a range of interests and abilities, ensuring that everyone could participate and enjoy the festivities.

As the month unfolded, the centre celebrated a remarkable achievement thanks to Brian Mason, who tirelessly raised a significant amount of money for Shankill Day Care Centre. An afternoon of gratitude and appreciation was dedicated to Brian and all the swimmers for their outstanding contributions in the Christmas Day swim, acknowledging his dedication and the generous support from the community. The event served as a heart-warming reminder of the strong bonds formed within the day care centre and its extended community. In the spirit of community and gratitude, Shankill Day Care Centre continues to create an environment where seniors can thrive and build lasting friendships. The month's events not only brought joy and laughter but also showcased the incredible spirit and resilience of the seniors who call Shankill Day Care Centre their second home. As the centre looks forward to future events and activities, the emphasis remains on creating an inclusive and vibrant space where seniors can embrace the joy of fun and games, fostering a sense of community that transcends age and celebrates the richness of life at Shankill Day Care Centre.

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If you are self-employed as a sole trader, it may make sense to set up a single-person limited company instead. This can have significant tax benefits, especially when it comes to pensions.

As a sole trader, you are subject to effectively the same income tax relief on pension contributions as a PAYE employee: a percentage of your income depending on your age, capped at a salary of €115,000. However, when you set up with a limited company structure, your company can make contributions to your pension and you can avail of corporation tax relief on these contributions. There is no limit on the amount an 'employer' can contribute to an 'employee's' PRSA and contributions are not treated as a benefit in kind (BIK). However, the overall standard fund threshold for an individual of €2m applies. As a result, PRSAs are now one of the most common personal pension options for self-employed workers.

According to research by the ESRI, the pension pots of Irish men aged 60 to 65 are on average almost twice as high as those of Irish women of the same age, with Ireland's pension gap standing at 35%. Given that women in Ireland typically live longer than men, the gender pension gap is concerning.

The benefits of starting early

Research from the Central Statistics Office (CSO) shows that 43% of those who don't have any pension cover outside of the state pension said that this was because they can't afford it, while a similar amount said they never got around to organising it - or would organise it in the future.

There was a good example recently on the RTE website which used the example of a 30 year old deciding to start a pension now or wait. Forgetting the tax relief, fees and other features of a pension. Imagine that you have an account that gives you 5% interest every year. If you start at 30 and save €100 per month, you would end up with around €110,000 by age 65. If you wait 5 years, you would have an extra €6000 to spend in those 5 years, but nearly €30,000 less by age 65. That €6000 may be important to you now so that may be a reason to delay, but if the only reason is that you don't think five years will make much difference, think again.

It is important to start planning for retirement as early as possible in your career and this should be a priority of equal importance for both men and women. It is imperative that the gender pension gap is addressed otherwise many women could struggle to make ends meet in retirement, find it difficult to fund medical care when they most need it, or simply find their lifestyle in retirement is not as comfortable as they had hoped. It is also important to get some financial advice before starting your pension. Contact your local financial broker for more information.

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Holly Cairns TD

*My name is **Lesley Byrne** and I am your local Social Democrats representative for **Killiney-Shankill** committed to working hard towards a fairer and better community for us all.*

I am the Principal of a DEIS secondary school and hear every day about the issues that many families face. I know that decisions made at local council level have an impact on all of our lives. I am running because I want to ensure that these decisions are made with the best interests of the community in mind.

I stand for:

- **Affordable Housing:** There is a huge demand for affordable housing in the area. I have met many families who are living with grandparents. The new development at Shanganagh is very welcome but residents have some valid concerns re parking, traffic and transport that should be listened to.
- **Public Services:** We need better public transport and in particular transport to the airport is something I am actively working on. I have contacted the council regarding a number of pathways and walkways that are unsafe for everyone but in particular our elderly and disabled community.
- **Education:** I have spoken with many parents who can't find suitable school placements for their children or are concerned about the lack of supports available for their child. As an educator with 20 years experience, I will continue to work on this at both national and local level.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

You deserve a say in how our community is run and I want to work with you to ensure that this happens.

Please get in touch and let me know what issues you might be facing.

Contact me on lesley.byrne@socialdemocrats.ie

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Local History Society Lectures by James Scannell

Mount Merrion Historical Society
Conal Hooper will present ***'Dublin Anatomy 1600-1900'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday April 4th in The Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission is €4/Students €2.

Military History Society of Ireland
Professor Ian Speller will present '***The Future of Naval Warfare: Lessons from the Past'*** at 8 p.m. on Friday Aril 5th in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All are welcome – admission is free.

Old Dublin Society
Michael Brannigan will present ***'Dublin Moving East: 1798-1844' Lapel Badges during WWI'*** at 6 p.m. on Wednesday April 10th, and Albert Fenton ***'The Most Distinguished Order of the Knights of St. Patrick'*** on Wednesday April 24th. Both lectures take place in The Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 139-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome – admission is free.

Edward Worth Library Seminar Series
Dr. Iona McCleery will present ***'Turtles, oysters, and quails: health and natural history in the fifteenth-century west Africa'*** at 4.15 p.m. on Thursday April 11th in the Trinity Medieval History Research Centre Seminar Room (Room PX2.1, 5-7 South Leinster Street, Dublin 2. Those wishing to register for the online lecture are asked to contact the seminar co-ordinator Dr. David Ditchburn: email: ***ditchbud@tcd.ie.***

Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society
David McCullagh will present ***'De Valera Rule:1932-1975'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday April 11th in St. Raphaela's Primary School Hall, St. Raphaela's Road, Upper Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All are welcome – admission is €3 for non-members.

Foxrock Local History Club
Donal O'Sullivan will present ***'New research notes on the building of Dun Laoghaire Harbour'*** at 8 p.m. on Tuesday April 16th in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All are welcome – admission is €5.

Greystones Archaeological & Historical Society
L. McLoughlin will present ***'Wicklow County Council Archives'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday April 17th in Kilian Family Centre, beside Holy Rosary Church, Greystones. All are welcome – admission is €3.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society
The AGM followed by the annual ***'Treasure Night'*** will take place at 8 p.m. on Wednesday April 17th in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5 for visitors.

Bray Cualann Historical Society
Peadar Curran will present ***'The Ice Houses of Dublin and Wicklow'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday April 18th in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. All are welcome – admission is €8 for non-members.

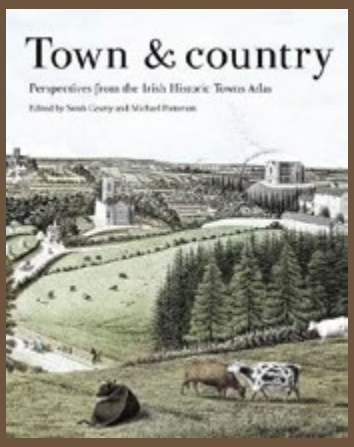
Irish Railway Record Society
Paul Hendrick will present ***'DART+ Programme'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday April 25th in the Society's Hueston Station, Dublin 8 premises. Strictly members and their guests only.

Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society
Dr. Séamas Ó Maitiú Angela Byrne will recall ***'Handel in Dublin and the First Performance of Messiah, 1742'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday April 25th in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Members are free / visitors €4 – The Swan Car Park Evening Rate is €4 from 7 p.m. to Midnight.

Shankill – Looking Back

At the Tuesday March 4th 1924 sitting of Shankill District Court in Shankill Library, Dublin County Council successfully obtained decrees for the non-payment of rates from tenants in New Vale with power for the seizure of house effects on March 25th for failure to pay.

Publications



'Town & Country – Perspectives from the Irish Historic Towns Atlas' Editors Sarah Gearty and Michael Potterton, published by the Royal Irish Academy, ISBN 978-1-911479-81-9 (PB)

The Irish Historic Town Atlases, published by the Royal Irish Academy currently cover twenty-five cities and towns with three devoted to Dublin so far – Rob Goodbody from Shankill, author, historian, and former president of the Rathmichael Historical Society, is the author of fascicle No 26 – ***'Dublin, part III, 1756 to 1847'***, and two to Belfast and come in addition to maps complete with full notes. Two volumes also cover the Dublin suburbs of Clontarf and Rathmines. All the atlases have been compiled by expert local historians on their respective areas.

In this book compilers of the atlases discuss various aspects of their work as it relates to town and country covering such topics as ***'Monastic tenants: Viking raiders and Hiberno-Norse townspeople'; 'Town and country in the later Middle Ages,c.1170-c1600';'Lawyers and traders: town and countryside in early modern Ireland'; 'From outlying villages townships: Dublin suburbs in the nineteenth century'***; and the interesting essay ***'Why should historians of early towns also study the countryside?'*** These essays give remarkable insights into the evolution development of towns and cities and how this impacted on the surrounding countryside.

This fascinating and engrossing book which provides a fascinating insight in the connecting links between town and country is dedicated the late historical geographer and renowned cartographic historian John Harwood Andrews (1927-2019) whose work and legacy is discussed by Arnold Horner, Anngret Simms, and Mary Davies, with a list of his publications between 1950-2020 compiled by Richard Haworth, Mary Davies, J. H. Andrews and Arnold Horner.

All in all, this is one of those books that anyone interested in local history should have on their bookshelf.

Building the Harcourt Street, Dublin - Bray line – more than one company involved!

Arising from various inter-company plans and arrangements made between 1844 and 1852 by the different companies involved with the building of the railway line from Dublin to Bray, the Dublin & Bray Railway had the task of building the line from Harcourt Road to Dublin and the Dublin & Wicklow Railway the line from Dundrum to Bray, with the stipulation that whichever company opened its line first, had the power to acquire the ownership and works of the other. The Dublin & Wicklow Railway achieved this first in 1853 and so acquired the Dublin & Bray Railway though the legal formalities were not fully completed until 1856.

The Dublin & Wicklow Railway extended the line from Harcourt Road to Harcourt Street in 1859, changed its name to the Dublin Wicklow & Wexford Railway in 1860 and to the Dublin & South Eastern Railway in 1907, and was absorbed into the Great Southern Railways in 1925.

One legacy of the February 14th 1900 Harcourt Street accident was that subsequently all inbound trains for Harcourt Street were required to stop and re-start at Ranelagh to avoid a recurrence of this type of accident, even up to the day of line closure on December 31st 1958.

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Rathmichael Historical Society

by Richard Ryan

The final lecture in our Spring programme will be held on Wednesday, 3rd April and will be delivered by Chris Corlett. His title is: A Monumental Mystery Tour of Medieval Ireland.
We will then commence our Summer outings programme (members only):
Saturday, 13th April: Guided walk of medieval Dublin by Howard Clarke. This is a follow-up to his wonderful lecture on 6th March.
Saturday, 20th April: Repeat of 13th April walk.
26th to 29th April: Away weekend to explore the history and archaeology of the Midlands, based in Birr.
Sunday, 19th May: Repeat of 13th April walk.
Saturday, 8th June: Industrial Heritage of South-East Dublin: walk led by Rob Goodbody.
Additional outings are being planned.
Lectures resume in August. The theme of the Summer Lecture Series this year is The Monastic Midlands. This links in neatly with the April weekend in Birr.

The remainder of the programme will be as follows:

- 19th August: The Monumental Landscape of the Early Christian Midland Monasteries by Caimin O'Brien.
- 20th August: A Modern Scholar Explores the Monastic Midlands, Past and Present by George Cunningham.
- 21st August: Leo Swan Memorial Lecture: Clonmacnoise and its Churches by Con Manning.
- 22nd August: King Turlough O'Connor and the Lemanaghan Shrine: Royal Patronage in the Monastic Midlands in the early 12th Century by Griffin Murray.
- 23rd August: Tech Mo Chua/Timahoe and the Life of Saint Mo Chuae by Charles Doherty.

All talks will be at 8pm in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co.Dublin. They will also be viewable by Zoom. Members attend free. Non-members pay €5 per lecture which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Why not join the Society now and have access to the very interesting outings, which this year, are linked in with the lecture programme?

Further information on our website:
www.rathmichaelhistoricalsociety.ie

Shankill Classical Music Club

MEMBERS' CHOICE

Members' choice evenings are a bit like those TV cookery game shows where a wannabe chef is handed a selection of disparate ingredients and challenged to serve up a tasty and nutritional five-course meal. With a bit of luck, if the ingredients are of high quality, the result might just about be palatable.

Fortunately, the lists submitted this time had a few plums, the more unfamiliar bits seemed to meld reasonably well, and no stomach upsets have been reported. (That's enough culinary metaphors. Get on with it. Ed.)

The starter and dessert were suitably light and frothy. (I warned you. Ed.). Rossini, himself a famous gourmand/ gourmet (think cholesterol-loaded tournedos Rossini), had recycled the overture from a failed earlier opera for what turned out to be his greatest hit, The Barber of Seville. And a request for "a Strauss waltz" was met by the timely Voices of Spring, in a vocal version – authorised by the composer – with a soprano (in this case the American Kathleen Battle) warbling about larks and nightingales to enjoyable effect.

The main courses (ahem.... Ed.) included at least one that turned out to be better known than might have seemed likely. String Quartet No 2 in D, composed in 1881 by the Russian Alexander Borodin, sounds unpromising; but as several of the many good tunes – including those in the second and third movements that we heard - were plagiarised for the 1953 musical Kismet, there were smiles of recognition all round.

Two 20th century Russians also turned up. In 1950, Dmitri Shostakovich was so taken by performances at a bicentenary Bach competition in Leipzig of some of the preludes and fugues that he set to twenty-four of his own, one in each major and minor key. He enlisted the prizewinning pianist, Tatiana Nikolayeva, and dedicated the set to her. She made several recordings of them over the years, and we heard her in what's probably the best-known, No 15 in D flat.

Igor Stravinsky's response in 1930 to a celebratory commission from the 50-year-old Boston Symphony Orchestra and its conductor Serge Koussevitzky was not what they were expecting: not a purely orchestral piece, but a choral work, with a wind-dominated orchestra (no violins or violas), a setting of three Old Testament Psalms, in Latin! The deeply-felt finale that we heard sets Psalm 150, an Alleluia.

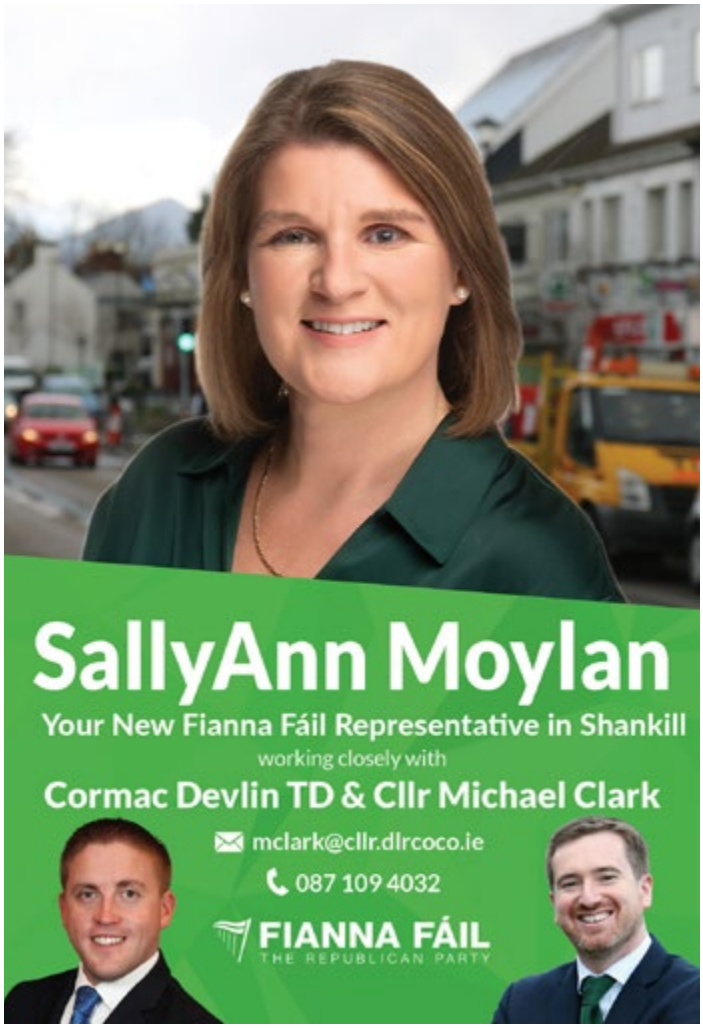
Igor Stravinsky (1882 – 1971)

Around the same time, in Paris, Maurice Ravel was working on one of his last compositions, the Piano Concerto in G. Jazz was in the air, and the whiplash finale is riddled with spiky rhythms and blue-note harmonies. The preceding slow movement - modelled on a Mozart slow movement, by some accounts – could not be more different: a long-spun very slow melody on solo piano that gradually yields to wind and string textures.

The fillers were an opera aria by Saint-Saëns (with Maria Callas); a short religious choral piece Cantique de Jean Racine by Gabriel Fauré; and the Hungarian Rhapsody No 2, in a spicy version where Liszt's original piano meat was virtually drowned in a gypsy-style cimbalom and fiddle sauce .... (That's quite enough. Ed.)

The next meetings of the Shankill Classical Music Club will be on Wed 3rd April and Wednesday the 1st May. Usual time and place: 7:45 in Shankill Day Centre, Lower Road, Shankill.

For further info please ring or text John O'Hagan (087-210 9175).



AN CIORCAL COMHRÁ, SEANCHILL

An fear nach raibh ar thraein riamh roimhe. *(Scéal grinn)*

Bhí fear ann uair amháin nach raibh ar thraein riamh. Mar sin chuaigh sé suas go dtí an cléireach agus dúirt sé leis, 'Ba bhreá liom dul go Baile Átha Cliath ach ní raibh mé ar thraein riamh.'

D'fhéach an cléireach air agus dúirt sé, 'Tá dhá rud a theastaíonn uait chun bheith ar an eolas faoi thraein. Má tá tú ag dul ó A go B, beidh ticéad singil uait, ach má tá tú ag dul ó A go B agus ar ais, beidh ticéad fillte uait. Cé acu ab fhearr leat?

'Ticéad fillte,' a dúirt an fear.

Thug an cléireach an ticéad dó agus thaispeáin sé cá raibh an traein. Chuaigh an fear ar an traein agus shuigh sé síos os comhair seanfhir.

Dúirt sé, 'Ní raibh mé ar thraein riamh roimhe seo.'

D'fhéach an seanfhear suas agus dúirt, 'Bhuel, tá súil agam go mbainfidh tú taitneamh as.'

Mar a thosaigh an traein ag bogadh, d'fhéach an fear amach an fhuinneog. Ní fhéadfadh sé a chreidiúint cé chomh hálainn a bhí gach rud: na crainn, an tírdhreach, fiú na bailte beaga a chuaigh thart.

Go tobann chuaigh an traein isteach i dtollán.

'Cá bhfuil muid anois? Cén fáth a bhfuil gach rud chomh dorcha sin?' arsa an fear agus é ag mothú beagán imníoch.

'Tá muid díreach tar éis dul isteach in ifreann,' a dúirt an seanfhear agus é sna trithí ag gáire.

'Bhuel ní gá dom a bheith buartha, mar tá ticéad fillte agam.'

Gluais: S**céal grinn**/ joke, **an Cléireach**/ Oifigeach a thugann aire do thicéid srl./ **a theastaíonn uait**/ atá de dhíth ort/ **ticéad fillte**/ ag dul agus ag filleadh ar áit/ **tollán**/ poll fada faoi thalamh agus é gearrtha faoi chnoc nó faoi uisce/ **ag mothú**/ ag brath/ **imníoch**/ míshuaimhneach nó buartha.

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What is the Climate Crisis
We are all aware of the Climate Crisis as a topic in the media. But what are we talking about? Is it real? What are the causes? What are the consequences and what can we do about it?

At one level the answers are quite simple, but in practice they can be very contentious and difficult because for at least the last fifty years the oil companies have, from their own scientists, known what the global effects of using their products are, but they chose to use this knowledge to hide, deny and confuse the public and politicians. Sadly they have been very successful.

Climate is not Weather.
So what is this all about? The Climate, is quite different from The Weather, which is what we experience each day, hot, cold, wind, snow, rain. Climate is what we expect over long periods of time: how warm are our summers or cold our winters, how much rain, wind, sun, and when. For this we need to go to the numbers which are published around the New Year, because our memories will always pick out the high and low points, the holiday that was rained off and the tent blew away, when it was too hot to go to the beach or when we could not get to the New Year's party because of the snow or flood.

What causes the Climate Crisis?
Some things are clear and uncontentious: Carbon dioxide [CO2] and methane plus water vapour [including clouds, contrails etc], particles and other chemicals from chimneys, car exhaust, fertilizer over-use etc. help to trap the sun's heat on the earth which then heats up.

Energy and why the Climate is becoming less stable. The Butterfly Wing.
The higher the temperature of the atmosphere the more energy it contains and therefore the more powerful are all the things we associate with weather: storms, heatwaves etc. We all know how much more accurate weather forecasts have become over the last few years. This is because computing power has increased to such an enormous extent that it is now possible to routinely produce an accurate five day forecast; but no more at present because the weather and Climate are what mathematicians refer to as Chaotic Systems, this means that tiny effects will, extremely rapidly and suddenly change the direction of the system so that it becomes less stable and reliable and more prone to extremes. In the same way this huge computing power has made it possible to create climate models which over the longer term are proving to be surprisingly accurate at the global level and down to the regional level. During the 1970s the oil companies became aware, from their own scientists, with surprising accuracy the general climate consequences of producing and burning fossil fuels.

Climate is changing faster than expected.
Although climate models have improved so much, none the less, as the experts would say, "there is still science to be done" and surprises keep happening. The most obvious one being that climate change consistently is happening faster than expected. The most recent surprise is that the current El Niño weather cycle is, as normal, leading to additional heat in the Pacific Ocean and allowing more energy to be released into the atmosphere. Yet the past year has come as a shock even to those who follow the data closely. The sea is 0.5degC warmer than it ever has been at this time of year. "We all know that there's been a rapid warming, particularly over the last few decades," Rob Larter [Marine Scientist from Cambridge] said. "But over the last 18 months, it's jumped up beyond what we expected." [New York Times, Climate Forward, Feb 27th 2024]

A possible explanation
Scientists are offering a range of explanations for the record heat in the North Atlantic.

One surprising factor may be a reduction in pollution in the area. In 2020, a new rule went into effect that limited the amount of sulphur dioxide contained in the fuel used by shipping. That has reduced the amount of particulate matter [soot] in the air, which lets in more solar radiation and increases global warming. Some have suggested putting particles into the stratosphere to block sunlight but that could easily be a recipe for disaster as once there, we have no control and cannot reverse the process. It is also clear that the soot eventually comes down again as rain and snow and darkens the surface of glaciers and snow fields hastening their melting. To get some idea of how complex, even a basic Climate Model is and to get an idea of the interactions between transport, housing, farming, forestry, energy production using gas, coal, oil, renewables, carbon tax etc look for; "Live from COP28, the En-Roads Workshop". You do need to concentrate!

HOPE?
For some years there has been a requirement that oil and gas companies prevent leakage of methane from their operations, especially fracking. However, no surprise, they have almost completely ignored this requirement. But a new satellite will shortly be in place which will be able to monitor to a few square metres where a methane leak is occurring. Methane is 80 times as powerful as CO2 at trapping heat, but it only has a short life of a few years rather than centuries. SO if we can cut Methane production completely and immediately it would give us a few more years to get CO2 production to zero, which is where it has to go, not later than 2050

Update from...

Cormac Devlin TD

It is wonderful to see the summer approaching. I have been out and about in Shankill over the past few months engaging with residents. I hope to visit almost every home before June, in the meantime, if you have any feedback please get in touch.

STRONGER CONTROLS FOR DANGEROUS DOGS

Former Deputy Garda Commissioner John Twomey has been appointed to lead a new taskforce to consider updating legislation and regulations for dangerous dogs. The group includes vets, local authorities, farming interests, charities and animal welfare experts.

No breed of dog is currently banned in Ireland. However, the Control of Dogs Regulations 1998 set out requirements for 11 specific breeds of dogs; they must be muzzled, be on a strong leash and be handled by a competent person over 16 years of age. I would welcome any feedback you have on this issue.

LIVING STREETS

Thank you to everyone who was in contact about the Living Streets proposal for Dún Laoghaire. I received hundreds of emails, many from people in Shankill. Elements of the proposal including the investment in Dún Laoghaire Town are very welcome, but concerns were raised about the impact on traffic flows in the area from the closing Tivoli Road to through traffic.

Cllr Michael Clark and Cllr Justin Moylan tabled an amendment to remove Tivoli Road from this scheme (while requesting other options be considered for it). In their remarks they noted the acute traffic congestion impacting the area and called for an end to disruptive interventions that are making people's lives very difficult. Unfortunately, their motion was rejected by Councillors (14 votes to 24) and the scheme will proceed.

THANK YOU TO CLLR MICHAEL CLARK

Councillor Michael Clark has been selected by Fianna Fáil to contest the Local Elections in Blackrock where Cllr Mary Hanafin and Cllr Kate Feeney are retiring from politics. Michael is originally from Blackrock and he has deep ties to the area. He has been a strong voice for Shankill on the Council, raising issues such as Bus Connects and Shanganagh Park (where he was the only Councillor to support residents and vote to oppose the scheme).

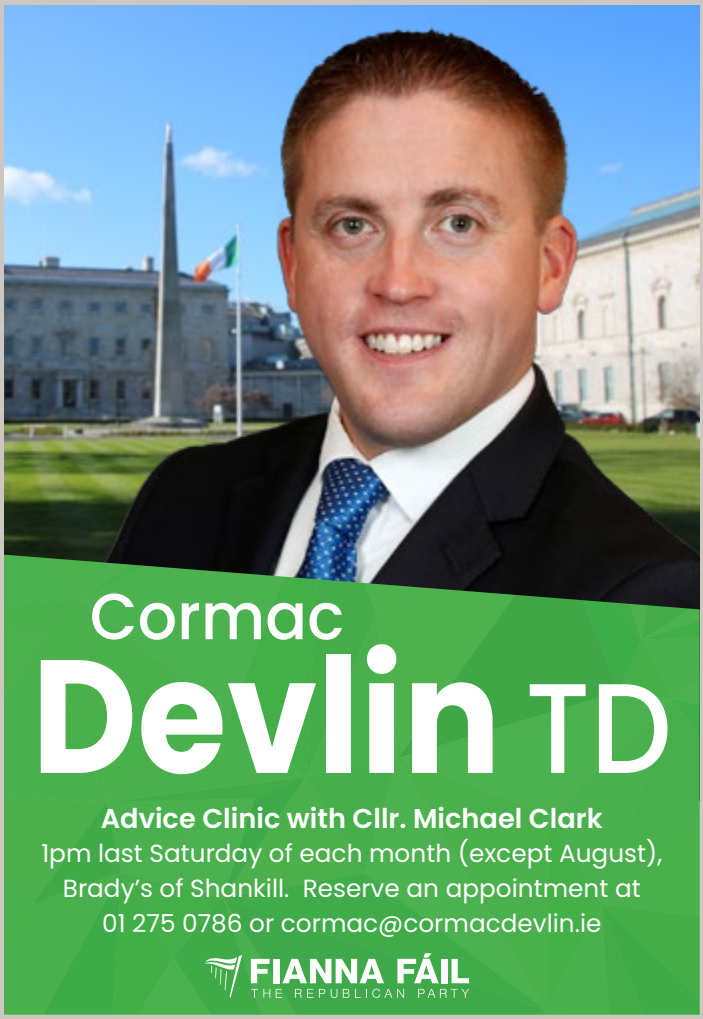
I am very grateful for his support with constituency work in Shankill over the past 5 years. I know he has developed strong links to Shankill and he will continue to support residents if he is elected in Blackrock.

INTRODUCING SALLYANN MOYLAN

SallyAnn Moylan has been selected by Fianna Fáil as our representative in Killiney-Shankill and she will contest the Local Elections for us in June.

SallyAnn is from the area. She grew up on Church Road and went to school locally at the Holy Child Killiney, before progressing to UCD where she studied Economics and German. She is a Project Manager, with three teenage children.

SallyAnn is very involved in the community, volunteering with many groups including Shanganagh Park Run. If she is elected, she will be prioritising better engagement between the Council and the public, improved Council services, and supporting community and sporting organisations.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I have known SallyAnn for years and I know she would make a great representative for Shankill. I look forward to meeting residents with her over the next few weeks to hear your feedback and priorities for the new Council.

KEEP IN TOUCH

As always, if you have any questions or need clarification about any measures, please get in touch at telephone 01 2750786 or email cormac@cormacdevlin.ie. You can also sign up to my regular e-bulletin at ***cormacdevlin.ie***

School News in scan

Rathmichael National School

The run in to the Easter Holidays is a busy time in school with a number of activities planned. On 7th March the children (and staff) celebrated World Boy Day by dressing up as their favourite book characters. There were some amazing outfits on show. The children all received World Book Day vouchers and created themed artwork with the best pictures winning them tokens for our Scholastic Book Fair. This is held bi-annually for a week in March with a wide selection of books on offer to purchase, to encourage children's reading at home and in school. In conjunction with this, 6th Class went to Shankill Library to listen to author Brian Gallagher read from one of his books. He also told the children how he writes his books and there was an opportunity to ask him questions. Thanks to Patricia in the Library for facilitating this.

A team of four of our 3rd Class pupils competed in the Schools' Awesome Walls Climbing Competition on 8th March. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and did extremely well, especially considering they were competing against older pupils from other schools. Pupils from the school's Chess Club took part in the Community Games Chess Competition and did exceptionally well, winning a silver medal.

We are continuing to participate in the Eolas sponsored Active Flag "Run Around Europe" Challenge and the pupils are clocking up an impressive amount of miles, aiming for some very exotic places on their runs!

Our Football team had an impressive win over Our Lady's Grove in their recent encounter and more matches are to follow. Our Boys' Hockey Team have made it to the finals of its league competition while the Girls' Team play Wesley Preps in its semi-final.

Many thanks to the PTA for organising our recent Table Quiz for parents. It was a wonderful night of friendly (?) competition with amazing raffle prizes also. Thanks to everyone who took part and who supplied the items for the raffle.

And there is more to come before we head for the Easter break – we will be taking part in the Shine a Light for Peace Fundraising Appeal and have two fun filled weeks for Seachtain na Gaeilge with a variety of activities to encourage the use of the Irish language – ach sin scéal eile.

Naomi Rousseau
Principal

Shankill TidyTowns — Glanbhaile Seanchill

Springtime in Shankill

Shankill Tidy Towns does much more than just pick up litter. As Spring blossoms in Shankill, our volunteers have undertaken an array of tasks to get various parts of our community looking good for the Summer. These tasks include weeding, edging footpaths and preparation of small plots for planting and sowing.

Much done but more to do!

A small plot on Corbawn Lane cleared and planted last year welcoming Spring

Graffiti Removal

Bed Preparation

Tree Planting at Shanganagh Cliffs with DLR Parks

Leaf Removal

Graffiti on Electricity Junction Boxes

Weeding, edging and preparation for planting at Athgoe.

Edging Pathways on Stonebridge Road

Graffiti removal on the railway bridge on Corbawn Lane

Shankill's Second Gold Medal 2023

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St Anne's National School

We are reaching out to local businesses in hope of securing some sponsorship for the reading fundraiser we have coming up in Saint Anne's National School Shankill. Our fundraiser, along with improving literacy levels of all children in the school, will help us raise some much-needed funds.

We are using the 'Read and Raise' platform to run our event.

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JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Question 13: To ask An Garda to tackle the problem of anti-social behaviour and illegal bonfires in Green Area beside the Battery Walk and to the rear of Shanganagh Park House in Rathsallagh, Shankill.

Reply: Our Community Policing Patrols have been requested to monitor the areas concerned. There does not appear to be many reports to Gardai concerning these issues; please request that the residents/passers-by report any issues to Shankill Garda Station on 01 6665900.

INSTALLATION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON DUBLIN ROAD

Question: To ask the Chief Executive to install a pedestrian crossing on Dublin Road in Shankill Village between the junctions of Dublin Road/Stonebridge Close and Cherrington Road/Dublin Road/Quinn's Road?

Reply: The Traffic & Road Safety Section has no immediate plans to install any new pedestrian crossings in Shankill Village.

There is an existing pedestrian crossing in place on the Main Street in Shankill. There are also crossing points at the roundabouts located at each end of the Main Street.

Attempting to locate additional pedestrian crossings on the Main Street between the existing crossing points would not give rise to any appreciable benefit to Shankill Village.

COASTAL DEFENCE STRATEGY

Question: To ask the Chief Executive has the full review of the Coastal Defence Strategy by the Cleansing and Beaches Section begun?

Reply: The coastal defence strategy review has begun, and a consultant was appointed and prepared a draft report. The review encompasses an update to the previously published 2010 strategy. In line with the recent appointment of new engineering staff to the section following a period of vacancies, it is intended to progress the completion of the review this year.

ROAD NETWORK SAFETY ANALYSIS ROUND 1B STUDY

Question: To ask the Chief Executive what works will be undertaken to address the "safety issues" on roads within Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council area that were included on the Road Network Safety Analysis Round 1B Study compiled by the Department of Transport due to "prevalent safety issues"?

Reply: The Regional Roads Network Safety Analysis is conducted by the Department of Transport across the country. It divides the Regional Road network into sections of approximately 1km in length and determines the number of fatal, serious injury and minor injury collisions. Sections where there were more than three such collisions, or if the collision frequency was twice above a threshold, are highlighted as "Locations of Interest''.

In the latest report (Round 1B), four "Locations of Interest" were identified in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown:
1. Dundrum Road
2. Shanganagh Road
3. Clonskeagh Road
4. Kilmacud Road Lower (at Stillorgan Village).

In 2021, the Council carried out works to improve visibility and provide a footpath on the southern part of Shanganagh Road. A Speed Alert Sign was also installed. There are currently two signalised junctions and two signalised pedestrian crossings along this 1.3km long section of road. The Council proposes to install a zebra crossing near the petrol station in early 2024. In the County Development Plan, Shanganagh Road is a six-year road objective. However, there is currently no budget for a significant upgrade of this section of road.

The Council is about to appoint an Engineer to the role of Road Safety Officer, which has been vacant for several years. Their main task will be to oversee the implementation of the Council's Road Safety Strategy. Part of the Strategy is to progress Accident Investigation and Prevention measures, including at the locations such as those identified in the report.

School News in scan

Leinster House

Both fifth classes were invited by local Senator Barry Ward, and given a very enjoyable and educational tour of Leinster House.

Houses and Homes Walk

Ms. Kinsella and Ms. O'Connor's Junior Infants learned all about different houses and homes in their locality.

Dave our wonderful caretaker even showed us his tools from his builder's toolbox. Take a look!

Literacy Stations

Ms Kinsella's Junior Infants have been working hard on learning our sounds and writing our letters in our playful literacy stations.

Ms. Brady's Fourth Class

Fourth class was learning all about China, Ancient China and Chinese New Year. We learnt about and then created Notan Art using the expansion of the square technique. We learnt about the traditions that happen throughout Chinese New Year and about the Great Wall of China. We brought all of our learning together by writing about it on flags and lanterns and added it to our display so other classes could stop and read our work.

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Snow Day!

The children were delighted with our unexpected recent snow day. Here are Mr. Kiernan's 3rd Class enjoying their experience.

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Jim Gildea

TAKING IN CHARGE OF CHANTILLY MEADOWS

Motion: That the Chief Executive provides an update on the taking in charge of Chantilly Meadows, Library Road, Shankill.

Report: Building Control have been trying to engage with the developer with regards to the Taking In Charge of Chantilly and outstanding works relating to roads, water services, public lighting and parks. There has been no engagement in response to a series of recent requests for the Developer to close out the items in relation to the development. Building Control have been consulting with the Service Departments in the council with regards outstanding works to bring the development up to TIC standard. The Service Departments have been carrying out their own internal reviews with regards works and submitted a cost estimate of works to Building Control. Building Control have been liaising with Uisce Éireann with regards foul and watermain infrastructure and any works required to allow the development to be taken in charge. Building Control will continue to follow the two above parallel paths to bring the development to a satisfactory solution.

SEATING IN SHANGANAGH PARK

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the replacement of seating in Shanganagh Park, Shankill which were removed some time ago from various locations in the park and despite a commitment to this Committee to have replacements installed months ago, this has not happened to date.

Reply: We are working through a schedule of seat installations and will carry out this work within Shanganagh Park as soon as possible.

SPEED REDUCTION INFRASTRUCTURE AT CORBAWN DRIVE, SHANKILL

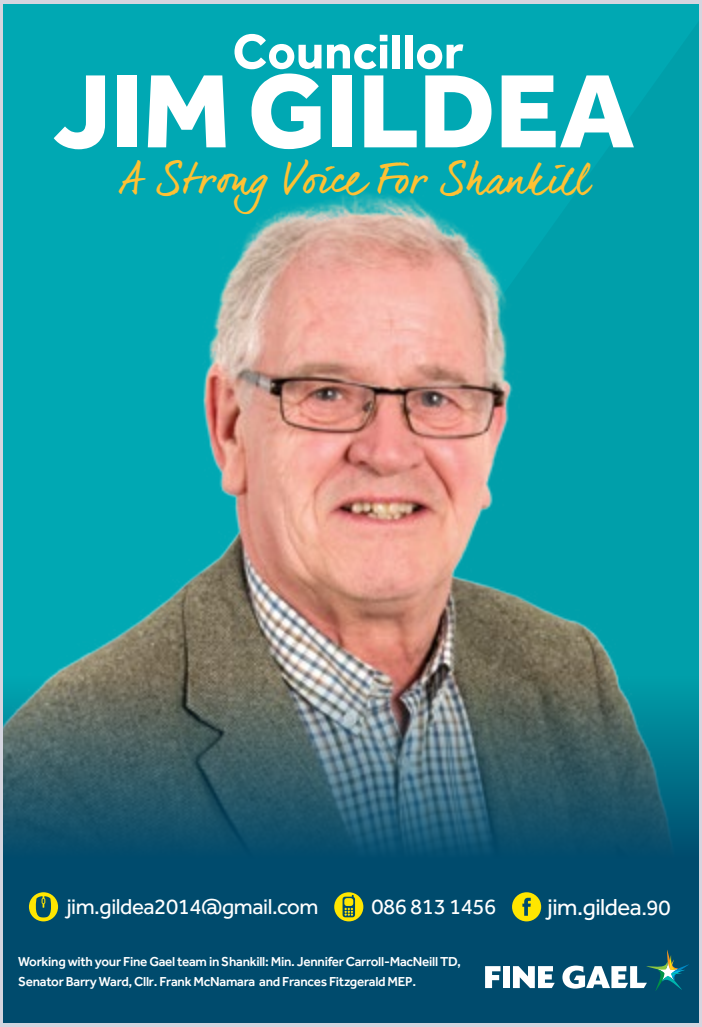
Motion: That this committee requests the Chief Executive to consider installing the speed reduction infrastructure at Corbawn Drive, Shankill in conjunction with the resurfacing which will be carried out by Uisce Eireann following the recent installation of pipework. Items to be considered should include road markings and traffic calming chicanes.

Report: The Traffic & Road Safety Section has recently installed a new retention socket at the entrance to Corbawn Drive to facilitate the installation of a Speed Alert Sign. This sign will complement the existing sign on the bend on the way into the Estate. Once the Speed Alert Sign has been in place for several weeks, the data will be used to inform any decisions that may be required in relation to the installation of traffic calming measures. It would be prudent to allow the Uisce Éireann works to be fully completed prior to installing any recommended traffic calming measures. Any work done before the final reinstatement will be adversely affected by the reinstatement works. Therefore, if traffic calming measures are installed after the final reinstatement, they will have a negligible effect on the reinstatement.

MAINS SEWERAGE FACILITIES AT THE ALLOTMENTS

Question: To ask Chief Executive for an update on the provision of mains sewerage facilities at the allotments site on the eight-acre field at Quinns Road, Shankill.

Reply: Various options have been reviewed and there is no current direct connection possible, given levels on site. I understand that Parks Capital Team are examining the possibility of a connection with Shankill Tennis Club as part of their proposed new development works at the club. It is hoped that these works on site can facilitate a connection for the toilets in the allotment container units. Currently toilet provision is provided by way of a porta loo.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STONEBRIDGE PARK DEVELOPMENT

Motion: That the Chief Executive progress the provision of lighting on the two pitches at Stonebridge Road, due to pressure from sports clubs for additional playing facilities in the area covered by this Area Committee.

Report: Plans are being progressed to install floodlighting in various strategic locations throughout the County. Stonebridge Road Park is on the programme for pitch refurbishment works and has been included in the most recent sports capital grant application. It is not currently being considered for floodlighting because of the proposals for floodlighting existing pitches at Shanganagh Park and other locations nearby. However, if these projects cannot proceed for any reason, Stonebridge Road Park will be considered for floodlighting in the future.

UPDATE ON THE PROVISION OF A HARDCORE PATH IN SEAVIEW PARK, SHANKILL

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the provision of a hardcore path along the pedestrian desired line in Seaview Park, Shankill?

Reply: Seaview Park is a small rectangular park with road frontage on three sides. The park is overlooked by gable ends of houses on the fourth boundary. A perimeter path encompasses the entire small open space. Given the small size of the open space and the existing path provision it is not feasible to provide additional paths on this open space.

GRAFFITI AT WOODBROOK DART STATION (UNDER CONSTRUCTION)

Question: To ask the Chief Executive to remove graffiti on and near the new bridge at Woodbrook DART station

Reply: This area has been inspected and all the graffiti is on surfaces and infrastructure belonging to Iarnród Éireann. The Environmental Enforcement Unit will contact Iarnród Éireann and request that they remove the graffiti.

An Ghaelbhratach

Le: Emma Kenny

Malachy, Ms Murphy, Emma, Cole agus Ms Walker tar éis a chríochnaigh an tráth na gceist

Ms Murphy agus Ms Walker ag bronnadh duaiseanna do na buaiteoirí

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TREE PLANTING AT SHANGANAGH CLIFFS.

There was a great turnout for two weekends of woodland tree planting on the open space at Shanganagh Cliffs. Locals and Clubs are to be congratulated for attending and help plant hundreds of young saplings which will grow into woodland areas to be enjoyed by all as well as benefit to the environment.

A special thanks to the Parks Department of DLR whose staff coordinated the planting.

MEETING OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE AREA COMMITTEE 26 FEBRUARY 2024

Question: To ask the CEO to update regarding any progress on establishing a Re-Discovery Re-Cycling Centre Hub within the remit of this area committee.

Reply: Following from the meeting on the 22nd of November 2023, (details per below) the Rediscovery Centre has been requested to make a presentation to the Management Team. A date is to be arranged for this presentation.

Details of previous meeting: The Members of the Rediscovery Centre met with the Director and Senior Executive Officer of Infrastructure and Climate Change on the 22nd of November 2023. A draft proposal to set up a Rediscovery Centre in Dún Laoghaire town in Park House, Upper Georges Street was submitted with the following objectives:

- Set up a Rediscovery Centre/hub/satellite in the heart of Dún Laoghaire to mobilize action at a local level
- Support the implementation of dlr's Climate Action Plan and commitment to the Circular Cities declaration
- Pioneer the blue circular economy through demonstration projects
- Inspire other communities, locally, nationally and internationally
- Provide evidence for further investment in Rediscovery Centres in other localities across the county.

A presentation on the work of the Rediscovery Centre was also made.

Further meetings will be scheduled to progress this initiative.

DE-CARBONISING ZONES

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for a progress report on the de-carbonisation of both Dun Laoghaire and Blackrock as provided for in the Climate Action Plan?

Reply: The dlr Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, which provides for the creation of a single decarbonizing zone (DZ) covering the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and Blackrock areas, was adopted on the 12th of February 2024 Council meeting. The next step for the Dún Laoghaire/Blackrock DZ, is to co-create a DZ Implementation Plan, in consultation with the local community, and local stakeholders. This will involve five stages and include:

- Developing a Public Engagement Plan.
- Establishing a key stakeholder group made up of representatives from the local community, businesses, transport and energy sectors, and others.
- Co-creating a list of prioritized actions, expanding on the strategic interventions and register of opportunities outlined in Chapter six of the Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.
- Developing a governance framework for the DZ.
- Supporting the delivery of the Implementation Plan to achieve the DZ vision for 2030.

It is expected that the first two stages of this work will commence in mid-2024 in collaboration with the other Dublin local authorities, CODEMA and relevant agencies.

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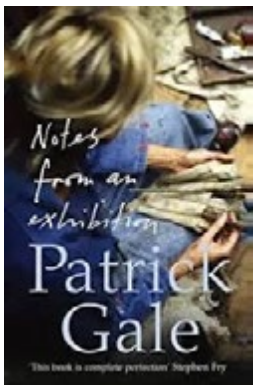
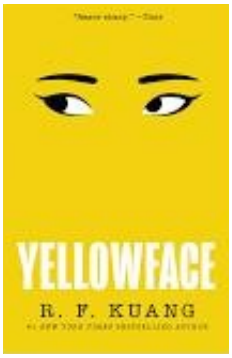
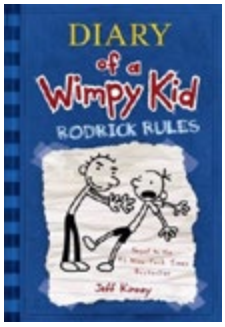


Our first Tuesday Evening Book Club meets on April 2nd @ 6.30pm to discuss: **Notes from an Exhibition by Patrick Gale**

Our Friday Book Club meets on 5th April at 11 am to review **Yellowface by Rebecca F. Kuang**



Our Junior Book Club has resumed regular meetings again. We meet on the last Tuesday of the month in the afternoon. Our next meeting will be held on the 30th of April at 2.45 pm – 3.45 pm.



The title discussed will be **"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Roderick Rules by Jeff Kinney. Age 8 – 12 yrs.**

There are a few spaces left. If you would like to join, please e-mail us at ***shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie***

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Recent Publications:

We have now received the 4th edition of the annual dlr Age-Friendly Magazine 2024. The focus of this year's publication is on raising awareness about the many activities, groups, organisations and events taking place in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown that support "Good Brain Health and Positive Ageing".

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It has been yet another bustling month for the volunteers of Shankill & Ballybrack Community First Responders (CFR) team, as they tirelessly responded to 25 emergency calls. Concurrently, there has been a notable uptake in community training sessions, with 78 individuals benefiting from learning vital life-saving skills through the "Hands for Life" program.

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PLANNING NOTICES

compiled by Cllr. Jim Gildea

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we believe our readers would like to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you need further information, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D24A/0068 Seeking Permission Date: 06/02/2024
D24A/0068 Declare Application Invalid Date: 12/02/2024
Uisce Eireann, Corbawn Drive, Townland of Shanganagh, Shankill, Co Dublin
A ground mounted odour control unit, "A new vent stack", the removal of an existing vent stack.

D23A/0583 Seeking Permission Date: 07/09/2023 Add. Information: 13/02/2024
Gleb & Evgenia Reys, Riverwood, Cherrywood Road, Shankill, D18R2V5
1) Demolition of two existing single-storey extensions to rear of property. 2) Construction of two smaller, single-storey extensions to rear of property. 3) Construction of an internal single storey corridor to replace existing outdoor courtyard. 4) Construction of a new two storey element to facilitate a new entrance area and first floor bedroom. 5) Remodelling of existing windows to various elevations. 6) Construction of a new carport beside an existing garage. 7) Construction of a new integrated shed structure as part of an extended existing roof. 8) Adjustments to existing roof profiles to the side and rear of property. 9) Adjustments to the width and height of an existing vehicular entrance to include new vehicular gates, new pedestrian gate, new gate posts and higher walls to match height of existing boundary walls, together with all associated landscaping/site works.

D24B/0059 Seeking Permission Date: 15/02/2024
Diarmuid & Judy Crean, 81, Quinn's Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for a ground floor extension to front & rear, 1st floor extension to side, attic conversion with dormer window to rear & roof lights to front, new flat roof over porch & associated site works

D24A/0089 Seeking Permission Date: 19/02/2024
Craig Douglas and Sinéad O'Hara, 12 Parc Na Silla Rise, D18DE62
Permission for the demolition of existing sun room to the rear and construction of single storey extension to the side and rear, new garden gate at north boundary, widening of the vehicular entrance to 3500mm and ancillary works

D24A/0093 Seeking Permission Date: 19/02/2024
John O'Connor, 14, Ballybride, Rathmichael, Shankill, D18W1D0
Permission for a new detached two storey house of 148.5sqm together with all site works including a new entrance onto Ballybride & all new utility connections.

PAC/LRD2/007/23 Pre-Planning LRD Application Date: 20/12/2023
Aeval Unlimited Company, The Townland of Cork Little, Shankill, Co. Dublin
The proposed development of the Woodbrook Phase 2 is the next phase of the emerging Woodbrook community at Shankill, Co. Dublin. The scheme will integrate with the permitted Woodbrook Phase 1 residential development immediately west and south of the area subject to development (c. 27.12 Ha). The development will comprise generally of the following: - 478 no. residential units in a mix of houses, duplexes and apartments ranging from 2 – 7 storeys in height comprising: 105 Houses (63 X 3-bed and 42 X 4-bed), 51 Duplexes (18 X 2-bed and 33 X 3-bed), 322 Apartments (91 X 1-bed, 138 X 2-bed and 93 X 3-bed), 3 retail units (a total of 665 sq. m), 1 café /restaurant unit (205 sq. m) and community resource area (80 sq. m) are proposed to be located within the Neighbourhood Centre (blocks F and G). • All associated and ancillary site development, infrastructural, hard and soft landscaping and boundary treatment works.

D24B/0079 Seeking Permission Date: 27/02/2024
Lisa Kenny & Ross Lawless, Crinken Lodge, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18P7R9
Construction of extensions to existing 3-bed single storey gate lodge to include single storey extension (2.80 sq.m) to East elevation to provide additional floor area to bedroom No.1 and single-storey extension (21.70 sq.m) to West elevation to provide kitchen/dining and internal alterations including the relocation of existing bedrooms 2+3 and new window in the North elevation to relocated bedroom 3 with associated site development works.

D23A/0668 Seeking Permission Date: 24/10/2023 Additional Info. 05/03/2024
Daniel & Emily Good, Woodley, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18K7K5
Construction of a 32sqm swimming pool, railings, a single-storey shed and all associated ground works to the rear garden of the property.

D23B/0419 Seeking Permission Date: 05/09/2023 Additional Info. 07/03/2024
Paul & Natalie Clinch, Lissaphúca, Heronford Lane, Shankill, D18Y3K4
Extension & alerations to existing structure comprising (a) Demolition of existing conservatory to front and side of dwelling. (b) Construction of new garden room as extension to south east elevation. (c) Alterations to window opes to north east elevation. (d) Removal of existing roof light and construction of new roof light to front roof plane. (e) Demolition of existing shed structure at site entrance and construction of three new shed structures around pond with connections to existing services. (f) Construction of new gardon wall within the site to protect embankment and associated site works.

D24A/0136 Seeking Permission Date: 06/03/2024
Eileen Duffy, 118, Castlefarm, D18H564
Permission sought for: A) The construction of a two storey extension to the side and a single storey extension to the rear of the dwelling (total area 54 sq.m) incorporating 2 no. rooflights in the single storey rear extension roof and 4 no. rooflights in the rear facing main roof. B) Widening of the existing front door opening to include a glazed side window. C) Installation of a gated entrance to the rear garden in the existing side boundary wall. D) All works associated with new and existing connections to services below ground and associated hard and soft landscaping.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D23A/0806 Request Additional Information Date: 20/02/2024
Maplepond Ltd., Saint Annes, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18H9V3
Development on site of approx 0.6 Ha. The development will consist of a) The demolition (approx 254 sqm.) of all single storey non-original extensions, a single-storey glass house and 3 single storey outbuildings associated with an existing residential dwelling known as Saint Anne's (A Protected Structure). b) the removal of all temporary timber sheds on site (approx 97sqm). c) the refurbishment and two storey extension of Saint Anne's to provide for a newly renovated 2 storey 4 bedroom residential dwelling and c) the construction of a new residential development of 23 units in 3 X new build Blocks A,B and C (all 3 stories in height). the refurbishment (approx 219sqm) and 2 storey extension (approx 106sqm) of St. Anne's (A Protected Structure) will provide for a newly renovated 2 storey 4 bedroom residential dwelling (approx 325sqm) with associated car parking and private open space area. Refurbishment works will include the repair and partial replacement of hardwood floors, the application of external insulation to all original walls, the relocation of windows and doors to reflect original external reveals for new external insulation. the removal and extension of window jambs, the replacement of existing asphalt roof with a new insulated flat roof, the repair of water damaged ceilings and cornices, the removal of all later wall light fittings, surface cables, all non-original furniture, cabinetry and fittings, the removal of later sanitary ware and replacement of same. The opening up of a blocked dining room fireplace to match original installation. The removal of existing ceramic tiles and the refurbishment of carpet flooring. The new build development of 23 residential units (9 X apartment units, 9 X duplex units and 5 X house units) will comprise: Block A (3 storeys) containing 2 X 2 bed apartment units at ground floor level and 2 X 3 bed duplex units over first and second floor levels and 1 X semi-detached 3 bed townhouse over ground, first and second floor level. Block B (3 storeys) containing 4 X 4bed terraced townhouses.

Block C (3 storeys) containing 7 X 2bed apartment units and 7 Xno. 3 bed duplex units. Each residential dwelling has an associated area of private open space in the form of a balcony/terrace/rear garden area. The development shall also provide for the provision of 1 relocated vehicular access point further south along Dublin Road, a new pedestrian/cyclist access point via Dublin Road, 35 new car parking spaces (29 standard spaces, 4 electric vehicle spaces and 2 disabled spaces). 52 standard bicycle parking spaces, 2 cargo bicycling parking spaces, 2 bin stores, an ESB substation, 2 public open space areas and 2 communal open space areas including a new play area. The site development and infrastructural works provide for water, foul and surface water drainage and all associated connections. All landscaping and public lighting, all boundary treatment works, internal roads and foothpaths and all associated site clearance, excavation and development works.

D23A/0818 Request Additional Information Date: 20/02/2024
Philip Russell, Dingle House, Ballycorus Road, Tiknick, Kilternan, D18P218
Demolition of front porch (sunroom) and previous extensions to rear and west side of farmhouse (126sqm). Construction of extensions comprising replacement front porch (sunroom) and single and two storey extensions to rear and west side (212sqm). Conversion of sheds on north side of yard to habitable acommodation (58sqm). Ground floor windows to east and west main gable elevations, external and internal alterations and renovations to fabric and finishes and associated site works including surface water soakaway and replacement waste water treatment system with pressurised percolation area in accordance with EPA Code of Practice 2021. A Protected Structure.
Application Type: Permission

D23A/0583 Grant Permission Date: 07/03/2024
Gleb & Evgenia Reys, Riverwood, Cherrywood Road, Shankill, D18R2V5
Proposal: 1) The demolition of two existing single-storey extensions to the rear of the property. 2) Construction of two smaller, single-storey extensions to the rear of the property. 3) Construction of an internal single storey corridor to replace an existing outdoor courtyard. 4) Construction of a new two storey element to facilitate a new entrance area and first floor bedroom. 5) Remodelling of existing windows to various elevations. 6) Construction of a new carport beside an existing garage. 7) Construction of a new integrated shed structure as part of an extended existing roof. 8) Adjustments to the existing roof profiles to the side and rear of the property. 9) Adjustments to the width and height of an existing vehicular entrance to include new vehicular gates, a new pedestrian gate, new gate posts and higher walls to match the height of the existing boundary walls, together with all associated landscaping/ site works.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA

D23A/0765 3rd Party Appeal against Grant of Permission Appeal Lodged: 27/02/2024
Council Decision: Grant permission
Donal & Jade Cronin, Green Trees, 11 Eaton Brae, Shankill, D18C8X8
Subdivision of the residential property and the construction of a new detached 2.5 storey 4-bedroom dwelling (271 m2 / 2,917 ft2) with 2no. parking spaces, a new vehicular/pedestrian access along the western Eaton Brae boundary will provide access to the existing dwelling.

APPEALS DECISION BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA

D22A/0742 Grant Permission Date: 29/02/2024
Council Decision: Refuse permission
John O'Connor, 14, Ballybride, Rathmichael, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission is sought for change of use/conversion of existing two-storey garage adjacent and connected to existing house into a separate dwelling of 138sqm, together with all site works & new utility connections.

D22A/0914 Grant Permission Date: 29/02/2024
Council Decision: Refuse permission
Jackie & Mike Murphy, Old Rathmichael, Shankill, Dublin 18
Proposal: Planning permission for proposed development comprising construction of a detached two-storey 5-bed dwelling with photovoltaic panels on the roof of the south elevation and a new on-site wastewater treatment system, together with the provision of a new vehicular entrance and driveway, landscaping and all associated site development works.

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